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Dear Ms Downes:

I would appreciate consideration of a more stringent and effective diesel emissions reduction plan. I believe the proposal to be inadequate to achieve meaningful reductions. The CT Diesel Plan needs to set up a comprehensive diesel pollution plan which explicitly requires the clean up of school buses, transit buses and state construction equipment because these vehicles expose children to high levels of dangerous pollutants and are concentrated in highly polluted urban areas.

I leave it to your department's experts to determine if either of the following alternatives is more expedient: 1) replacing dirty diesels with new and cleaner vehicles or 2) putting pollution control devices on existing vehicles.

Thank you,

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